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SUBJECT: CANADA, DEMARCHE RESPONSE: EXTERNAL EVALUATION -
UN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO)

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1. (U) Econoffs spoke with Foreign Affairs Canada (FAC) Senior Policy Advisor for UN Specialized Agencies regarding funding for the external evaluation of FAO. FAC reports that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has earmarked C\$25,000 (roughly US\$20,000) as an initial contribution, but that they are awaiting ministerial approval which has stalled due to the Tsunami response. GOC is planning a total contribution of C\$300,000 (US\$242,000), with the bulk of that coming in the next fiscal year. GOC points out that their donation will be roughly 10 percent of the estimated total cost of the evaluation. At the moment, however, GOC is not aware of account information to which money for the evaluation can be sent. Action Request: Please provide Post with information on where GOC can send their contribution.

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